

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE NEW JERSEY URBAN LEAGUE  
Monday September 8, 1919

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The regular monthly meeting of the League was held on the above date. Those present were: Dr. W. H. Vail, Dr. Davis W. Luak, Mr. Carl Bannwart, Rev. L.B. Ellerson, Mrs. Stephen Little, Mrs. R.C. Jenkinson, Mrs. George A. Douglass, Mr. A. W. MacDougall, Mr. W.M. Ashby, and Mrs. E.P. Shrubby. Mr. H.D. Gregg, who is to become the Secretary of the Columbus, Ohio Urban League was a welcome visitor. Regrets of inability to attend were sent by the Rev. Augustine Elmendorf, Mrs. Ella Francisco, and Mrs. M.E. Gregory.

The meeting opened with prayer by Dr. Ellerson. Minutes of the previous meeting of July 7 were read and approved.

The reports of the Executive Secretary for July and August were then read. On motion of Mrs. Jenkinson, seconded by Rev. L.B. Ellerson, the reports were ordered filed.

The Treasurer then read his report. Discussion of the policy of securing our finances then arose. The Chairman called attention to the fact that the matter was in consideration for a more thorough discussion later on. The report was then adopted.

The report of the Phyllis Wheatley Home was then called for and read. On motion of Dr. Vail, seconded by Rev. Ellerson, it was adopted.

Old Business was then called for. The Secretary reported that the authorization given by the committee at the July meeting, to run four weeks advertisement for the Phyllis Wheatley Home had been cancelled after two weeks, and a substitution of a card which could be placed in churches and other places where the attention of girls and women would be attracted. This met the approval of the Committee.

New Business was then called for. The chairman took up the roster in the following order:

1. Phone extension and transfer. The Secretary was authorized to have extension put up in the Phyllis Wheatley Home, and to enquire further about changing name.
  2. Case Worker. After some discussion on the importance of the need of a Case Worker, Mr. MacDougall moved, seconded by Mrs. Jenkinson that we undertake to get such a worker.
- It was further moved by Mr. MacDougall, seconded by Mrs. Jenkinson, that there be

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appointed a committee to confirm to the Executive Committee the retention of Mr. Granger as a permanent employee of the League, and also consider the question how a Case Worker might be engaged. The Chairman appointed Rev. Ellerson, Chairman and Mr. MacDougall and Mr. Dusenberry to serve with him; the Executive being an ex-officio member of the Committee.

3. Plastering. The Secretary was authorized to have this done and also to seek to revive the activity of the house committee.

4. This was on the point of the expediency of the Secretary's going to Camden to co-operate with the Department of Child Hygiene in the establishment of a Child Welfare Station there. Mrs. Jenkinson suggested that we try to get the co-operation of the Executive Secretary of the Philadelphia Urban League in working out this matter. This was approved.

5. On the matter of the reorganization and appointment of new working committees, Mr. MacDougall, moved that there be appointed a committee to prepare a report as to the wisdom of appointing new committees and the adoption of those outlined by the Secretary. This was seconded by Rev. Ellerson. The Chairman appointed Dr. Vail, Mr. Nevius, Rev. Ricks, and Mrs. Fuld, Secretary ex-officio.

The Secretary was requested to see the Commission on Public Safety about ~~how~~ how we could more successfully protect the morals of our youth.

On the matter of our action relative to recent racial out-breaks, Mr. MacDougall expressed the opinion that it was of the highest importance that the people of the community become acquainted with the constructive and co-operative programs of the Urban League. Mrs. Jenkinson cautioned us against doing anything that suggested the idea that we expected trouble. It was left to the Secretary to get the persons interested in the well being of the community the programs of the League.

There being no further business, Dr. Vail, seconded by Mrs. Jenkinson, moved adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary pro-temp.

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